

Appl. No.: 10/091,206

Reply to Office Action of: 01/17/2006

REMARKS

Claim 16 has been amended above to overcome the examiner's objection.

Claims 1 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al. (US 5,267,312) in view of Hsu et al. (US 6,041,410). Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al. (US 5,267,312) in view of Hsu et al. (US 6,041,410) and Neoh (US 6,668,204). Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neoh (US 6,668,204) in view of Dabbish et al. (US 4,914,697) and Thompson et al. (US 5,267,312). Claims 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al. (US 5,267,312) in view of Hsu et al. (US 6,041,410) and Neoh (US 6,668,204). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

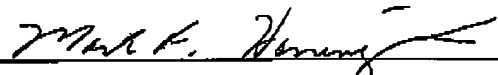
In the office action, the examiner stated that Controlling/authenticating access to resources by using FOBs, encryption, and decryption was conventional and well known at the time the invention was made. Applicants' attorney hereby challenges the examiner's "Official Notice". In accordance with MPEP §2144.03 the examiner is requested to cite a reference in support of his position. It is applicants' position that controlling/authenticating access to resources by using FOBs, encryption, and decryption in the art of audio systems was not conventional and well known at the time the invention was made.

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Applicants intend to proceed to appeal. Therefore, the examiner is requested to comply with MPEP §2144.03 as requested above to simplify issues on appeal.

Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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